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Form 8-K
April 07, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): April 2, 2003

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 1-13461 | 76-0506313 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |

950 Echo Lane, Suite 100
Houston, Texas 77024
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

(713) 647-5700
(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On April 2, 2003, Group 1 Automotive, Inc., a Delaware corporation, announced that executive management will make a presentation at the Sidoti & Company, LLC Seventh Annual Emerging Growth Institutional Investor Forum on Wednesday, April 9, 2003. The text of the press release is set forth below:

NEWS RELEASE

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE INC

950 Echo Lane, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77024

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| AT GROUP 1: | Chairman, President and CEO | B.B. Hollingsworth, Jr. | (713) |
| | EVP, CFO and Treasurer | Scott L. Thompson | (713) |
| | Manager, Investor Relations | Kim Paper | (713) |
| AT Fleishman-Hillard: | Investors/Media | Russell A. Johnson | (713) |

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2003

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GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE TO PRESENT AT SIDOTI & COMPANY, LLC
SEVENTH ANNUAL EMERGING GROWTH INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR FORUM

HOUSTON, APRIL 2, 2003--GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE, INC. (NYSE: GPI), a Fortune 500 specialty retailer, announced that executive management will make a presentation at the Sidoti & Company, LLC Seventh Annual Emerging Growth Institutional Investor Forum being held in New York City on Wednesday, April 9, 2003 at 10:15 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The presentation will cover Group 1's 2002 financial results and an overview of Company strategies.

A copy of the presentation will be available on Group 1's website at www.group1auto.com.

ABOUT GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

Group 1 owns 73 automotive dealerships comprised of 114 franchises, 29 different brands, and 25 collision service centers located in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Through its dealerships and Internet sites, the Company sells new and used cars and light trucks; arranges related financing, vehicle service and insurance contracts; provides maintenance and repair services; and sells replacement parts.

GROUP 1 AUTOMOTIVE CAN BE REACHED ON THE INTERNET AT WWW.GROUP1AUTO.COM

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In accordance with General Instruction B.2. of Form 8-K, the information contained in such press release shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Group 1 Automotive, Inc.

April 7, 2003

By: /s/ SCOTT L. THOMPSON

Date

Scott L. Thompson, Executive
Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer and Treasurer